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about the Persians and the Greeks and the sea and the mountains and ostracism, and what have they got to do with the prisoner at the bar?" The report shows that the jury found him guilty on all the counts as the Justice did Mr. Smith's clients.

But the important matter for Byron's admirers to consider is, how can his memory and his exquisite lines be protected from such impertinent assaults of the Bar and the Bench and the poet be given a square deal in the future?

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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Encyclopedic Digest of Virginia and West Virginia Reports, being a complete Encyclopedia and Digest of all Virginia and West Virginia case law up to and including Vol. 103, Virginia Reports, and Vol. 55, West Virginia Reports. Under the editorial supervision of Thomas Johnson Michie. Vols. 11, 12 and 13. The Michie Company, Law Publishers. Charlottesville, Va. 1907. Price for the entire set of 13 Vols., \$90.

This work, with the three volumes just published is now before the profession in its entirety and an inspection of the completed labour of the editor and his corps of assistants but compels the reiteration of the favorable comments made upon the preceding volumes as they have appeared. Looking at the work merely as a digest the subjects are better arranged for easy reference than any similar work we have ever had occasion to inspect. The system of heads and subheads, references and cross references is one based upon years of experience, whilst all the modern aids to the development of the most logical and clear exposition of each subject have been called into action. It is exhaustive, in that each case appears to have been read and reread by different examiners and the opinion of the Court digested instead of merely depending upon the reporter's opinion as given in the syllabus. Owing to this thoroughness and this method of inspection, much law is set out which by any other system would have been omitted and which often escapes the busy lawyer himself in the examination of a case. Added to this feature is the further exceedingly valuable one that a number of experienced men examining each case is more apt to give a larger number of reference and of subject heads than if the work were done by one man. Volume 11 contains "Payment" to "Sale on Execution;" Volume 12, "Sales" to "Surety;" Volume 13, "Suretyship" to "W. Virginia." The very important subjects of "Pleading," "Presumptions," "Public Officers," "Railroads," "Recording Acts," "Receivers," "Remainders, Reversions," etc., "Res Gestæ," "Sales," "Separate Estates," "Specific Performance," "Statutes," "Stock and Stockholders," "Streets and Highways," "Subrogation," "Suretyship," "Taxation," "Telegraphs and Telephones," "Tender," "Towns and Townships," "Trusts and Trustees," "Vendor and Purchaser," "Waiver," "Water and Watercourses," "Wills" and "Witnesses," are amongst the principal subjects digested; but whilst these are of greater bulk as far as the mere pages are concerned, not a single subject which the Courts of

the two Virginias have passed upon, seems to have been overlooked. An examination of each volume evinces that the work is, as it claims to be, encyclopedic not only in name but in reality. The learned editor is to be congratulated upon having added to the working literature of the profession a work which is complete, accurate, thorough, carefully considered and of invaluable assistance to those desiring to find the law of the two states in a ready and quick manner.

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The American and English Annotated Cases, containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports. Thoroughly annotated. Edited by Wm. McKinney, David S. Garland and H. Noyes Greene. Vol. 6. Edward Thompson Company. Northport, L. I. New York. 1907. Price, \$5.

The sixth volume of this admirable series of reported cases, well sustains the high standard set in previous volumes. The selection of cases is well made; the annotation most excellently done and the succinctness with which propositions are stated does not allow clearness or fullness of statement to suffer.

In the present volume a cumulative index of the notes in the six volumes issued is placed at the close of the volume. A similar index is promised in each succeeding volume. Each volume, therefore, will allow the subscriber by examining one index to refer back to the preceding volumes. This adds no little to the value and completeness of the work.

A Treatise on Electric Law, comprising the law governing all electric corporations, uses and appliances, also all relative public and private rights. Second Edition, in Two Volumes. By Joseph A. and Howard C. Joyce. The Banks Law Publishing Co. New York. 1907. Price, \$12.75.

It is hard for the average lawyer of twenty-five years standing to realize the changes which have necessitated the application of fundamental doctrines of law and equity to new subjects. Equally hard for him to realize the number of cases which have gone up to the Courts of Last Resort involving the settlement of questions arising from the use of new appliances which are today a part and parcel of every day life. Cases involving the use of electricity were wellnigh unheard of a quarter of a century ago, and yet today electric railways, lighting, power, and heating, the telephone, the automobile, are with us and are a constant and fruitful source of litigation. Seven years ago the Messrs. Joyce issued a volume on Electric Law. It presented to the profession in a clear and logical way, the law on the subject of electricity with reasons for its application. The authors were bold enough to give their own opinions, as well as adjudicated cases, and the work stating principles sustained by authority, and citing nearly every case upon the subject, rapidly found its way into the favor of the profession. Since that edition was exhausted the growth of litigation has produced a growth of authorities and the present work in two volumes has been found necessary. Whilst following the plan of the former work, it has been largely added to. Two thousand new cases—all of which have been critically examined—are cited. Four hundred new sections are added, and the work now presents in the most exhaustive way the law upon every point relative to electric corporations, the uses and appliances of electricity and the public and private rights therewith connected.

The work has been well done. It is original, bold whilst con-